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GROUP PROPOSAL

REFS: A) GENEVA 3917; B) GENEVA 4083; C) STATE 134202; D) GENEVA 3610
E) GENEVA 3964 ; F) GATT L/4048

1. ACCORDING TO A PERMDEL SOURCE, HIJZEN, AT THE
ARTICLE 113 COMMITTEE MEETING OF JULY 15, SET FORTH THE
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LINE HE PROPOSED TO TAKE AT THE TNC MEETING OF JULY 17-18.

HE WOULD NOTE WITH APPROVAL THE WORK ALREADY DONE IN THE TNC SUBGROUPS, AND ALSO THE NOTE THEY STILL HAVE MUCH TO DO. HE WOULD APPROVE OF LONG'S CHECK LIST (REFS A,B AND C) AS A BASIS FOR WORK, BUT NOTE THAT IT DID NOT BIND GOVERNMENTS AND THAT, INDEED, IT WOULD BE WRONG TO TURN THIS LIST INTO A BINDING AGREEMENT. HW WOULD ALSO SAY THAT IT WAS PREMATURE TO DECIDE HOW THE NEGOTIATIONS PROPER SHOULD BE ORGANIZED.

2. OUR SOURCE SAID THE COMMITTEE TOOK ONLY A MILD INTEREST IN THIS QUESTION AND DID NOT CHALLENGE HIJZEN'S LINE.

3. THE LONG PROPOSAL FOR A GATT "MANAGEMENT GROUP" (REFS D,E,F) PRODUCED MORE DISCUSSION. THE FRENCH TOOK THE LINE THAT FRANCE MUST BE INCLUDED AS A PARTICIPANT IN ANY SUCH RESTRICTED GROUP. THIS APPARENTLY PRODUCED SOME DISCUSSION OF COMMISSION VERSUS MEMBER STATE PREROGATIVES. OUR SOURCE PREDICTED THAT IT WOULD BE IMPOSSIBLE FOR THE COMMUNITY TO AGREE ON ANY STEERING GROUP FORMULA THAT DID NOT HAVE THE NINE MEMBER STATES PRESENT, AT LEAST AS SILENT OVERSEERS OF THE COMMISSION REPRESENTATIVES, AND HE THOUGHT THIS DOOMED THE IDEA OF A TRULY RESTRICTED GATT STEERING GROUP. GREENWALD

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